

SEXSMITH PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting date: October 12, 2017

Location: Sexsmith Library

Time: 6:30 pm to 7:10 pm

Chairperson: Gurmit Sangha

Members present: As per attendance sheet.

- *A big thank you to all the parents who came to the meeting. We encourage you to continue attending the upcoming PAC meetings.*

Principal's Report – Joel Levine

- Very impressed with the students, very polite and helpful;
- Enrollment is up from last year's 360 students to 381 students this year, with the continued development this number will likely increase;
- A big thank you to everyone who sent in donations for the Terry Fox run, over \$7,029 was raised for the Terry Fox Foundation;
- Over \$11,000 was received from the government's learning grant; these funds were used to help parents cover the cost of the jump math workbooks; purchase projectors and Apple TV; the intermediate and primary team is the process of discussing where the remaining funds can be spent some ideas were to spend the funds to meet new curriculum requirements; these funds need to be spent before the end of January 2018;
- Significant changes are on the horizon for the following:
 - Changes in the way report cards are prepared; letter grades will no longer be given, there will be more written and informative feedback on your child's performance; however for the time being Sexsmith will still follow the old method (with letter grades) until there is a proper process implemented;
 - School growth plan, the process will be a 3 year plan;
 - FSA's are now being conducted in October/November instead of February

Parents are encouraged to visit the school website for more details:

<http://sexsmith.vsb.bc.ca/default.htm>

Financial Update from the Treasurer – Fay Tam

Currently the breakdown of PAC funds is as follows:

- General account 31,077.82
- Chocolates 9,773.50
- Gaming account 7,307.70 (gaming grant of \$7,040 just received)
- Gaming membership shares 5.49
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This balance above is before the following balances have been accounted for:

Teacher's memorial fund of \$1,500 still to be paid (invoice now received); funding for field trips, \$150 has been allotted for each division, funds are to subsidize costs of bus trips for field trips. Total funds \$2,550.00.

Once the above two expenses have been accounted for the balance remaining in the account will **\$44,114.51**.

Hot Lunch Program – Stan Tam

It has been a great start to the hot lunch program; so far \$12,842.30 has been collected for the eleven weeks (October to December). In comparing sales this quarter to the same time last year, with the same number of hot lunch days net funds are up by \$490, more kids are ordering hot lunch than previously.

A big thank you to our all of our hot lunch volunteers including our two new volunteers Kavita and Linda, without your help hot lunch days would not happen.

Mr. Levine would like to keep some extra pizza on hand for the non-hot lunch days for kids that do not have lunch to eat, (Monday, Tuesday and Thursday) Chris will be in charge of ensuring the pizza is set aside for this. This pizza will be kept in the freezer and labelled for this purpose.

Thank you to Eva for picking up the freezies at a huge discount for next year's Sports Day.

Mr. Kay's students who volunteer in supervising division 8 & 11 over the lunch hour will be given a complimentary pizza slice;

The PAC is always looking for parent volunteers; if you are interested please contact Stan Tam or send an email to sexsmithvolunteers@gmail.com).

Parents are encouraged to provide suggestions at future PAC meetings however there is an expectation for parents to assist in carrying out their suggestions.

Upcoming School Events

Diwali celebration will take place on November 20 at 11:00 am; further details to follow at the next PAC meeting;

Mr. Levine has been in touch with Brian at the rotary club, they are set on coming out at 7am on December 22, Stan has Santa booked to appear at Sexsmith;

Fundraising Discussions

Gurmit will be in touch with Mr. Levine to discuss the distribution of the chocolates; Gurmit will also order the chocolates and pick up prizes similar to last years, further information to follow at the next meeting..

Volunteer Coordinator – Kami Hothi

A volunteer email address has been setup (sexsmithvolunteers@gmail.com), anyone wishing to volunteer can email Kami to let her know which events they would like to volunteer for. In the near future a calendar will be posted on the school website each month showing what activities are coming up where volunteers will be needed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm

Next meeting date: November 9, 2017 at 6:30pm

Location: Sexsmith Library

Future meeting dates: December 7th

Signatures of the 2017/2018 PAC Board members are as follows:

Chair – Gurmit Sangha

Vice Chair – Kami Hothi

Treasurer – Fay Tam

Secretary – Rana Sangha